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Application No. 10/014,981

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. (previously presented) Folded film used to create a package having a lap seal using an L sealer, comprising:
 - 3 a first film folded substantially in a form of a "J"; and
 - 4 a second film overlapping at least a portion of the first film, wherein
 - 5 the first film and the second film are coupled together in at least a portion of an
 - 6 overlapping area and the first film and second film are rolled onto a core to form a
 - 7 roll of folded film used to make the package.
- 1 2. (previously presented) The folded film of claim 1, wherein the first film and
- 2 second film are rolled onto a tubular core to form the roll of folded film.
- 1 3. (original) The folded film of claim 2, wherein the roll of film further comprises
- 2 core chucks on opposing sides of the tubular core.
- 1 4. (original) The folded film of claim 2, wherein the roll of film has a diameter that
- 2 is smaller than a diameter of the core chucks.
- 1 5. (original) The folded film of claim 1, wherein at least one of the first film or the
- 2 second film further comprises at least one perforation.
- 1 6. (original) The folded film of claim 1, wherein the portion of the overlapping area
- 2 comprises a plurality of perforations.
- 1 7. (original) The folded film of claim 1, wherein the overlapping area further
- 2 comprises printing.

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1 8. (original) The folded film of claim 1, wherein the first and second films are
2 made from materials selected from the group comprising polyolefin,
3 polyvinylchloride, polypropylene, or any combination thereof.

1 9. (amended) A method of forming film used to create a lap seal, comprising the
2 steps of:

3 providing a first film substantially in a form of a "J";
4 applying a second film to overlap at least a portion of the first film;
5 coupling the first film to the second film in at least a portion of an
6 overlapping area of said first and second films; and
7 substantially center folding the coupled first and second films to form folded
8 film; and
9 rolling the folded film onto a core.

1 10. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the step of coupling further
2 comprises the step of creating at least one perforation in at least one of the first or
3 second films.

1 11. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the step of coupling comprises a
2 step selected among the steps in the group comprising coupling using a drag wire,
3 coupling using hot melt, or coupling using static points.

1 12. (Cancelled) ~~The method of claim 9, wherein the method further comprises the~~
2 ~~step of substantially center folding the coupled first and second films to provide~~
3 ~~folded film.~~

1 13. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein the method further comprises
2 rolling the folded film onto a tubular core to form a roll of folded film.

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1 14. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the method further comprises the
2 step of printing onto the overlapping area.

1 15. (amended) A method of shrink wrapping an item having a lap seal using an
2 "L" sealer machine, comprising the steps of:
3 dispensing pre-folded film having a pre-existing lap seal on the pre-folded
4 film from a core onto a separator table of the L sealer machine, wherein the pre-
5 folded film is formed from a first film folded substantially in a form of a "J" and a
6 second film overlapping at least a portion of the first film;
7 inserting an item between the separator table and a first side of the pre-
8 folded film; and
9 sealing the item on at least two sides using a substantially L-shaped heated
10 bar forming a substantially wrapped item.

1 16. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein the step of dispensing further
2 comprises the step of perforating the pre-folded film as the pre-folded film is being
3 dispensed.

1 17. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein the pre-folded film is already pre-
2 perforated.

1 18. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein the method further comprises the
2 step of heating the substantially wrapped item to force a substantial portion of air
3 between the pre-folded film and the item out of at least one perforation in the pre-
4 folded film.

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1 19. (non-elected) ~~A method of forming film used to create at least one lap seal,~~
2 ~~comprising the steps of:~~
3 ~~— providing at least a first film;~~
4 ~~— applying a subsequent film to overlap at least a portion of the first film; and~~
5 ~~coupling the first film to the subsequent film in at least a portion of an~~
6 ~~overlapping area of said first and subsequent films.~~

1 20. (non-elected) ~~The method of claim 19, wherein the method further comprises~~
2 ~~the step of repetitively overlapping additional films to a previous film and~~
3 ~~repetitively coupling such additional films to the previous film to form a roll of~~
4 ~~overlapping film.~~

1 21. (non-elected) ~~The method of claim 20, wherein the roll of overlapping film has~~
2 ~~a plurality of film portions of substantially the same dimension~~

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